(d) and (e) A scheme of parallel marketing s already available for import and sale of kerosene. There is no such scheme for HSD.

Clearance of foreign investment proposals

2929. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign investment proposals which have so far been cleared by Government of India after approval by the finance Empowered Committee concernng his Ministry;

(b) what is the component of foreign direct investment out of the total value envisaged in each project, period involved, effective transfer technology besides setting up the R & D facility; and

(c) whether any proposal as a Joint venture concerning supply of gas through a pipe network to domestic, industrial, commercial transportation consumers has been finalised, if so, the details thereof and the cities likely to be covered in the country,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surevey on Southern Gas Grid

2930. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey so far on Southern gas grid, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any project report thereof has been made so far;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the project has been approved by the Planning Commission, if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) what will be the total cost of the project; and

(f) by when the project is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No route surveys have been conducted.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The concept of laying a gas pipeline from a suitable point on the Western Coast to the Southern region has been approved in principle. An Expert Group is studying the parameters of a domestic pipeline network for the distribution of gas proposed to be imported from the Middle East. The Southern Gas Grid will be projectised after this study is completed.

Gas and Oil production in Cauvery Basin

2931. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much gas and oil have been produced from Cauvery basin, year-wise and location-wise as on date;

(b) the quantity of gas and oil that was struck at Kuthanallur at Cauvery basin;

(c) when did the commercial production begin at Kuthanallur;

(d) what is the present capacity of refinery at Nagapattinam;